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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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RE: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

I never appreciated the terrible state of rural wireless access until we built a house in Nelson County, Virginia three years ago.

My law firm depends heavily on remote access to our computer and communications systems. All 25 of my lawyers work remotely on a full-time basis. The ability to do this has been a tremendous advantage to us. With wireless service in Richmond, Virginia being good, I never thought much about availability until we built in Nelson County and I attempted to work from there.

Wireless data and voice service in rural Nelson County is severely limited. At my home, dial-up is available, but at a speed a turtle would consider slow. DSL is not practical or, at least, is not provided by Verizon. Satellite is available, but very expensive and is unreliable. For the past four years Central Virginia Electric Coop has been experimenting with broadband over power line and it has been a failure. Slow speeds and constant outages make it impracticable. AT&T provides no cell phone coverage in my part of the county. In short, in most of Nelson County it is like living in the wireless stone age.

While this makes it nearly impossible for me to work remotely in Nelson County, another situation arose this year that makes the effect of this problem even clearer.

A young neighbor couple has been struck by tragedy this year. They are the parents of a four-year old. The mother is 30 years old. Six months ago she was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer. She suffered a radical double mastectomy with removal of all lymph nodes possible to be removed without substantial sacrifice of use of her arms. She has been through three months of chemotherapy and is now in the midst of radiation to kill the lymph nodes that could not be removed by surgery.

Travelling to a workplace on a scheduled basis is impossible for her because of her illness and treatment schedule. She lost her job because of the illness and because of that, she, her husband and child are facing foreclosure of their house. They have been denied the benefits of the recently passed "home saving" bills because with the loss of her income, their "backend ratio" is too high to qualify. We have helped her apply for Social Security Disability, but it is unusual to get it for cancer patients, so the chances of providing additional income to reach the required ratio is now very slim.

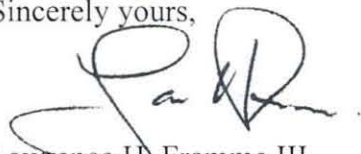
She could work part-time from home IF she had a fast Internet connection or a 4G wireless connection. Today, she is limited to dial up which, as you know, is totally unsuited for use in today's high graphics environment. It is not sufficient to support part-time work.

While not being able to work from home in Nelson County is an inconvenience for me, it is devastating to this young mother, her husband and son. In today's high tech world it is inexcusable that she does not have high-speed wireless access. This access is already available in rural areas in many other parts of the world. Indeed, many developing countries are building their entire communications structure around wireless access. It is unthinkable that we are lagging so far behind even developing countries.

Because this couple is good friends and great people, this issue is a crusade for me. I am aware that there are regulatory decisions pending that could greatly accelerate rural wireless connectivity by approval of the merger of AT&T and Mobile. I hope you will do all you can to speed action that will accelerate this merger.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence H. Framme III". The signature is stylized with a large "L" and "F".

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